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*In re Applicant:*

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**AMENDMENT TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 25, 2004**

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action dated August 25, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely. Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows: